

Working to ease the process by which veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSD) can file claims with the VA, Congresswoman Debbie Halvorson (IL-11) announced today that the Department of Veterans Affairs will be streamlining the claims process for veterans suffering from traumatic stress disorders.

"When our men and women in uniform come back from serving in combat overseas, they do not only return with physical scars, but with psychological ones as well," said Halvorson. "Just as we treat our veterans' physical disabilities, we must treat very serious conditions such as PTSD."

"These new processes are more efficient and will provide more effective care to those suffering from post traumatic stress. I'm encouraging any veterans in our district who want more information to contact my veterans liaison in my Joliet office at 815.726.4998."

As the only member from Illinois on the House Veterans Affairs Committee, Congresswoman Halvorson has been a strong advocate for wounded and disabled veterans. She serves on the House Veterans Committee's Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs. In her first term in office, Halvorson has introduced and passed several pieces of legislation aimed at helping wounded veterans and military families, including the Disabled Veterans' Health Care Fairness Act, HR 1335, and the Wounded Warrior Caregiver Assistance Act, HR 2898.